

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

Please note that, as  
a Kerry supporter, I  
would be writing the  
same letter if there  
were an anti-Bush  
show being aired in  
a similar fashion -  
it's not about  
conservative or  
liberal, it's about  
right or wrong.  
Using the public  
airwaves in a manner  
such as this is  
immoral, and  
bordering on  
illegal.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
therefore obligated  
to serve the public  
interest, which this  
clearly partisan  
objective serves  
only the interest of  
the Republican  
party. As large  
companies get to  
control more of the  
airwaves, which is  
inevitable thanks to  
the media  
consolidation, there  
is less of what's  
good for America on  
the airwaves, and  
more of what is good  
for the bottom line.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard, including,  
but not limited to,  
a period of public  
comment that should

be required to be  
advertised on the  
station whose  
license is being  
renewed, during  
prime time, and not  
at 2AM.

Thank you for your  
time.